

# MANDY M. GUNASEKARA

## BAR MEMBERSHIP

October 2010 Colorado State Bar (Inactive as of 2015)  
April 2010 Mississippi State Bar (Inactive as of 2011)

## LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

January 2015 - Present U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Washington, D.C.  
*Majority Counsel, Chairman Jim Inhofe*  
Responsibilities: Manage Clean Air Act and climate change portfolios for Chairman. Plan full and subcommittee hearings and develop related legislative strategies. Coordinate efforts with Leadership, other key committees, EPW Member offices and stakeholders. Represent committee perspective before administrative agencies, state officials, industry groups, environmental organizations, and international entities.

October 2014 - January 2015 National Association of Chemical Distributors Arlington, VA  
*Senior Director, Legislative Affairs*  
Responsibilities: Engage key congressional leaders and staff on environment, energy, tax, and transportation issues impacting member companies. Coordinate association priorities with coalition efforts. Expand member companies' participation in PAC activities and manage political contributions.

March 2014 - October 2014 U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.  
*Senior Counsel, Office of Congressman Bob Latta*  
Responsibilities: Prepare Congressman for Energy and Power Subcommittee hearings and markups. Oversee Environment and Economy Legislative Assistant work product. Analyze floor votes and strategize amendment opportunities. Work with committee staff and interest groups on legislative initiatives important to the Congressman and the constituency.

June 2012 - February 2014 U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.  
*Legislative Counsel, Office of Congressman Bob Latta*  
Responsibilities: Manage energy, environment, trade, agriculture, immigration, labor, and homeland security issues for Congressman. Prepare Congressman for Energy and Commerce Subcommittee activity. Draft legislation relative to issue responsibility. Coordinate district trips and interface with major energy entities, manufacturers, and the agriculture community.

June 2011 - June 2012 U. S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Washington, D.C.  
*Labor Research Assistant, Office of Ranking Member Mike Enzi*  
Responsibilities: Update Senator and staff on current labor issues. Perform legal and policy research. Provide vote recommendations. Prepare floor documents for Senator and committee staff. Research, analyze, and draft memos regarding administrative actions. Participate in all facets of labor and disability hearings, including: developing key talking points; negotiating scope of hearings with Democrat staff; vetting potential witnesses; and preparing committee staff during prehearing briefings.

March - June 2011 U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.  
*Legal Intern, Office of Congressman Mike Coffman*  
Responsibilities: Correspond with constituents on a number of issues. Draft co-sponsorship memos. Facilitate stakeholder meetings for Legislative Director. Lead Capitol tours. Provide supplemental policy and legal research for legislative staff. Attend relevant hearings. Assist with general administrative tasks.

## EDUCATION

2007-2010 University of Mississippi Law School Oxford, MS  
Juris Doctor  
Activities: Research Assistant to Prof. Serrao, Mississippi Innocence Project, Student Hurricane Legal Network for the New Orleans City Attorney's Office, Law School Student Body Public - Relations Committee Chair, Environmental Law Society - Treasurer, Public Interest Law Foundation - Member.

2003-2007 Mississippi College Clinton, MS  
Bachelors of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Major: Communications  
Honors: President's List Scholar, Dean's List Scholar, All-Academic Sportsman, All-Conference Runner, ASC Runner of the Week, SAAC Representative, Choctaw Soccer Pride Award.